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THE PARKS CONVICTION.

Sam Parks has been convicted in a court famous for its perversity. Yet, if we assume that the verdict of guilty of extortion is a just finding, this notorious waiting waiter cannot longer be recognized by organized labor as one of its leaders. As a malefactor he will then be detached from eligibility to any position of trust or influence in labor councils. He must necessarily be looked upon as having alienated the sympathy of his associates and forfeited his right to advise them. And thereby union labor will be greatly benefited.

This opinion may seem extreme; it will probably not meet the views of the less conservative labor element. Yet when the union member, sincere in his devotion to his organization, examines the career of Parks to unbiased judgment, does he not discover that his influence has all along been antagonistic to the best interests of labor? Here was a leader boldly advocating the doctrine of force and raising upon the brute argument of intimidation to advance a cause which has prospered most the less it depended upon such measures.

The man who built up the strongest of all labor organizations in America died in Cleveland only recently full of years and honored alike by employer and employee. Parks's moral death has ensued after a career as brief as it was turbulent, and one which, while it excited the strongest antagonism in capital, did not fail to arouse in labor grave suspicions as to the efficacy of the tactics of tyranny employed.

The Parks policy was to array one party to a labor dispute sharply against the other in a way to defeat all attempts at getting together except by unconditional surrender. And incidentally to profit himself by the sale of his power to the employer. In exposing and punishing the criminality of his course the court has greatly advantaged organized labor.

THE GAMBLING MANIA.

The closing of a Wall street "get-rich-quick" investment company some two weeks ago and the examination of its accounts showed the names of scores of Cleveland school-teachers on its books as customers. We forget whether the usual 520 per cent. of profit had been promised. But the rate of interest guaranteed was wholly out of proportion to an investor's legitimate expectations of increase.

Now comes news from New Orleans of an entire church congregation deceived by the advertisements of a "co-operative turf association," which guaranteed investors 960 per cent. on their money. It was the church's pastor who first became acquainted with the company's alluring literature. As returns on a \$50 investment he received two weekly dividends of \$10 each. Then "the good news was spread about" through the congregation and the church members invested until the whole flock was shorn.

Minister, doctor, merchant, schoolma'am, wary enough about home investments which they can watch, they grow credulous in the extreme of the prospects of gain elsewhere. The benevolent "Wall street" philanthropist offers to "let them in" on schemes promising large profits, and they lend him a ready ear. The "turf specialist," who knows how to make bets on the winning horse unerringly, agrees in exchange for a little ready cash to impart the secret, and the bait is snapped up greedily.

Neither experience nor previous condition of moral training seems proof against the "get-rich-quick" gambling mania. The exposures of fraudulent investment companies carry with them most deplorable disclosures of the universality of this chance-taking credulity on which the fake financier preys.

VACATION OVER-EXERTION.

Whether it is by plunging into the surf and swimming about till the heart fails, or paddling a canoe to the limit of physical endurance, or playing golf or tennis to the point of collapse, or climbing a mountain only to die of exhaustion, like Miss Grathwol, the vacation pleasure seeker is constantly taxing the physical powers to the utmost and inviting death which by good fortune comes less often than might be expected.

The heart which the vacation tourist relies on to perform feats of strength or endurance is the same heart which he does not think of subjecting to a similar strain when in town. The erroneous theory seems yet to prevail that a muscle may be hardened to order or an organ strengthened by a few days of outdoor activity. So the youth whose entire winter's quota of exercise may consist in a few evenings in the bowling alley rashly tackles any undertaking involving a draft on the physical resources.

If he is young and sound the system repairs the damage with a few protests in the way of sore muscles and strained tendons. But if the heart is weak danger is imminent and if the get-strong-quick enthusiast is a woman the possibilities of harm are greater. Be moderate about it; don't overdo.

ELECTRIC TRACTION'S FUTURE.

The promise is made that an Illinois trolley line, the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Electric Railroad, will soon attempt to run a specially geared motor car at a speed of 100 miles an hour; and instead of expressing doubt or scoffing the public looks forward with mild interest to the fulfillment of the promise, confident of its feasibility. To such a pass of familiarity with electric traction wonders have come.

Here is an electric line which in solidity of rock-ballasted roadbed, in ponderous rails and substantial rolling stock is almost if not quite on a par with the best steam roads. It has lured away by its cleanliness and comfortable transportation facilities some of the old road passengers. It is an advanced type of the electric road, pointing to desirable possibilities of future development.

Some day, no doubt, such a road will reach from New York to Boston, to Philadelphia and Washington, and, indeed, another generation may see the continent gridironed with electric lines as now with steam. But in that event we need not look for an abandonment of steam traction. The locomotive shops are as busy now as they ever were. There are monster mogul machines in course of construction which will have a long life-time of usefulness.

For the day which brings the trunk line electric road will bring the ownership of it by the railroad. In that day the Bostonian may reach New York by electricity or steam or boat; but the same corporation will collect his fare and the same stockholders will share the dividends.

TOLD ABOUT NEW YORKERS.

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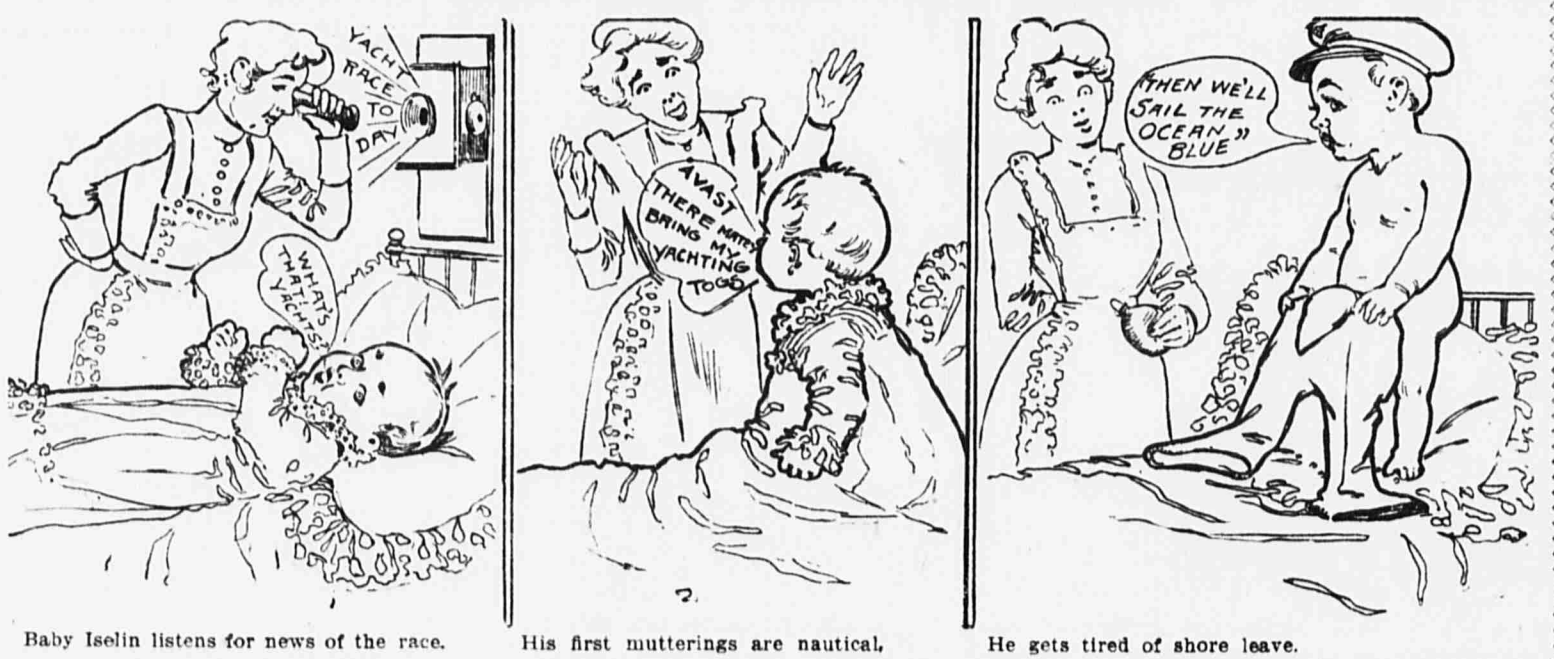
THE LAW GOES VERY HARD WITH THOSE WHO KISS.



A pair of boating lovers in Massachusetts were arrested the other day for kissing, and spent the night in jail. In Utah a man caught a young woman kissing his daughter and broke his leg in forty-seven places. In one of the Southern States there is talk of a severe law against kissing in public. It can't be "old" on the Coney Island cars any more. So altogether the kisser is not having exactly a happy time just now.

This thing called osculation is a blissful, nice sensation. When one of a pair of lovers is at each end of the kiss; But when the law's hard minions, backed by Puritan opinions. Waltz the kissers off to jail for kissing—that ain't bliss.

THE NEW ISELIN BABY HAS YACHTING BLOOD IN HIS VEINS.



Baby Iselin listens for news of the race. His first mutterings are nautical. He gets tired of shore leave.

GUARANTEEING OYSTERS.

The English oyster season is fast approaching, and the oyster merchants, who suffered great financial loss through the recent scare as to polluted oyster beds, have taken steps, in conjunction with the authorities of Fishmongers' Hall, to reassure the public as to the safety of oyster eating. During the past few months the "beds" of the leading oyster merchants on the east and south coasts have been examined by medical experts, whose reports go to prove that the greatest care is now taken in the cultivation of oysters, and that the public may purchase them without fear of bad results.

With the object of preparing a circular embodying this view, a private conference of oyster merchants was held the other day at Fishmongers' Hall, and it was learned that the circular will be issued before the season reopens. The circular will be something in the nature of a guarantee that certain oysters coming on the London market are pure and wholesome.

GOOD STUFFER.
Tailor—You would like to help around a tailor shop? Do you think you could upholster the dudes' shoulders?
Apprentice—Should think so. I used to be a taxidermist.
Tailor—What has that got to do with it?
Apprentice—Why, I am used to stuffing monkeys.—Chicago News.



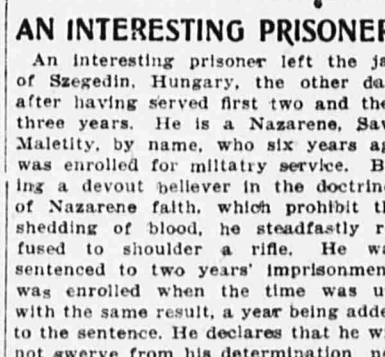
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RURAL JOURNALISM.
Old Subscriber—We won't have any exchange news in this week's Critic.
New Subscriber—Think not?
Old Subscriber—No, the editor's wife is using the clipping shears to cut the editor's hair.—Chicago Evening News.

THEY PASS RAPIDLY.
Mr. Upjohn—I wish you would tell Kathleen she cooks her steaks too much.
Mrs. Upjohn—You are three girls late, John. The name of the present one is Mollie.—Ram's Horn.



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DANGEROUS PLACE.
Ernie—Are tunnels really dangerous?
The Bachelor—Should say so. I knew a man who kissed a girl in a tunnel one time and he had to marry her.—Chicago News.

HOW ABOUT THIS, NEW YORKERS?

(From the Philadelphia Press.)
To the Editor of the Press:
It was a great mistake in Mr. Maxfield Payne to put that story about last manners on the American as a class. He should have known that New York is the one city of the United States where it is impossible to get a civil answer on the street without you are lucky enough to question a man brought up outside of that town. If you meet a man in New York and he is especially polite, you can be certain he comes from or was educated in Philadelphia. Yours,
JAMES F. WOOD.
Philadelphia, Aug. 18.

SIMPLE REMEDIES.

For hot and weak stings, carbolic acid, soda or ammonia. For poison use a solution of baking soda or a weak solution of sugar of lead. Mashed liniment from the bit in the ram entry or a tincture from the virus will also be found effective.
For burns, a dressing of saturated soda, or equal parts of flowered oil and lime water, vasoline, sweet oil, butter—any bland oil—but on no account glycerine, which is irritating.
For sunburn, clothe wet in saturated soda, and soft powder, like flour, laundry starch or cornstarch dusted on.
For a sore, a fine needle, if too deep in the flesh to be reached by ordinary means, fill a rather wide-mouthed bottle two-thirds full of boiling water and hold the injured spot close over the opening. The suction draws the flesh down, and a little additional pressure will take out the splinter.
Take plenty of bandages, neatly rolled, a case of court plaster, your family doctor's prescription for any special ailment that any of the family are subject to, a small bottle of Jamaica ginger or paragon, a package of mustard plasters, then hope that you will find occasion for none of them.

WHERE WHAT WE EAT GROWS.

The onion is a vegetable of great antiquity, being found among the earliest of cultivated species. A kind of onion grown in Egypt 2000 years and more ago was considered as excellent that it received divine honors, being worshipped as a god. This was considered a good joke by the Romans of those days, who, as well as the Greeks, were acquainted with several varieties of onions. It is likely that the plant first grew in Persia or Afghanistan. Garlic has been raised in China for thousands of years, and the ancient Egyptians made great use of it. No picture of it has ever been found on the monuments, but this may be because the plant was considered unclean by the priests.

PULLING TEETH IN JAPAN.

The Japanese dentist does not frighten his patient with an array of steel instruments. All his operations in tooth-drawing are performed by the thumb and forefinger of one hand. The skill necessary to do this is acquired only after long practice, but when it is obtained the operator is able to extract half a dozen teeth in about thirty seconds without once removing his fingers from the patient's mouth. The dentist's education commences with the pulling out of pegs which have been pressed into soft wood; it ends with the drawing of hard pegs which have been driven into an oak plank with a heavy mallet.

BIG LOAVES OF BREAD.

The largest loaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and Italy. The "pipe" bread of Italy is baked in loaves two feet or three feet long, while in France the loaves are made in the shape of very long rolls, four feet or five feet in length, and in many cases six feet.

DESTINY.

TWO eggs were laid on self same day. But not by the self same hen. And one was cooked and it found its way into the hearts of men. Into their muscle, and nerve, and brain. Surely that egg was not laid in vain!
The other escaped the greedy man. That leads to the hearts of men. And eventually fulfilled the law. Developing into a hen. That scratched up a garden and did much harm. Pursuing the toothsome worms that charm.
And I've wondered till my mind's infirm Which reached the higher plan—The one that swallowed the luscious worm Or the one swallowed by a man. And thus became clad in wool and leathers. While the first was content with her own plain feathers.
MORAL.
Which destiny were it best to choose. To use another or to be used?
CORA M. W. GREENLEAF.

ON THE EVENING WORLD PEDESTAL.



John Fox, President of the Democratic Club, has had a letter from Wantage in which Richard Croker said he would visit New York next winter, not as a politician, but as a private citizen.
See, Children, on the Pedestal.
A man of much advantage.
He has the ear of Squire Dick; Knows when he's well and when he's sick; Knows when he's going to turn a trick, And what's going on at Wantage.